

## UPSC Civil Services Examination

### UPSC Notes [GS-III]

#### Topic: AMRUT Scheme [UPSC Notes GS-III]

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) was launched in June 2015 by PM Narendra Modi under the Government of India. The AMRUT scheme is an initiative to provide basic civic amenities to the urban areas to improve the quality of life with major focus to the poor and the disadvantaged.

Some of the highlights of the AMRUT scheme are mentioned in the table below:

AMRUT Scheme	
Full-Form	Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
Year of launching	June 2015
Launched by	PM Narendra Modi
Government Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

#### Objectives of AMRUT Scheme

The AMRUT Scheme focuses on establishing an infrastructure for ensuring adequate sewage networks and water supply in the urban areas through the implementation of the urban revival projects. The first state to submit State Annual Action Plan under the AMRUT scheme was Rajasthan. Various other schemes like Swachh Bharat Mission, Housing for All 2022 and the local state schemes related to water supply, sewerage and infrastructure can also be linked to the AMRUT scheme.

The main objectives of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) are mentioned below:

- To ensure a proper supply of water and a sewage connection in every household.

- To develop green and well maintained open spaces and parks to increase the amenity value of the cities.
- To reduce pollution by switching to public transport or through the construction of non-motorized transport facilities such as walking and cycling.
- Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) aims in covering around 500 cities that are having a population of over one lakh with notified municipalities.

### **What are the major components of the AMRUT Mission?**

The AMRUT Mission consists of the following major components:

- capacity building
- reform implementation
- water supply and management of sewerage and septage
- Drainage of stormwater
- Improvement in urban transport facilities
- Development of green spaces and parks.

### **Who can apply for Amrut Scheme?**

The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation aims in covering around 500 cities that are having a population of over one lakh. To be selected under the AMRUT Scheme, the cities/towns falls under the following categories:

- All the cities and towns that are having a population of one lakh or above as per the census of 2011 with notified municipalities and also including the civilian areas.
- All the capital cities or towns of States/ UTs that are not falling under the above criteria.
- The cities or towns that are classified as Heritage Cities by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the HRIDAY Scheme.
- Thirteen cities and towns that fall on the stem of the main rivers and having a population of more than 75,000 but less than 1 lakh.
- Ten Cities belonging from the hill states, islands and tourist destinations. Only one city from each of these states can be selected under the AMRUT scheme.